



**Species List - Cape Town Pelagics - Saturday, 31 August 2024**

**Trip Highlights:** Three albatross species, Soft-plumaged Petrel, both Northern & Southern Giant Petrel species.



**Pelagic species seen and approximate numbers:**

Shy/White-capped Albatross	100s
Black-browed Albatross	100s
Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross	5-10
Northern Giant Petrel	2-5
Southern Giant Petrel	2-5
Soft-plumaged Petrel	2-5
Cape (Pintado) Petrel	100s

White-chinned Petrel	1000s
Sooty Shearwater	100s
Great Shearwater	10s
Wilson's Storm Petrel	1
Cape Gannet	10s
Brown Skua	10s

### Coastal species

Kelp Gull	10s
Hartlaub's Gull	10s
Great Crested Tern	10s
Cape Cormorant	10s
Bank Cormorant	10s
White-breasted Cormorant	2-5
African Oystercatcher	2-5

### Marine mammals

Cape Fur Seal	100s
Bryde's Whale (probably)	1

Cape Town Pelagic Tour Leader Peter Ryan

**A message from Cape Town Pelagics:** A huge thank you to our experienced skippers who are able to safely lead us to the best birding areas and skillfully manoeuvre the boat into just the best position while all on board are busy concentrating on the birds! Coordinating a pelagic trip over a year in advance with guests from all across South Africa and different countries around the world requires an organised office team. We thank them for their special eye for detail - and for the sometimes last-minute rearrangements and frustration if the weather delays the trip to another day! Our biggest thank-you is to our Cape Town Pelagics guides who take time out of their work, often involving seabirds and conservation, and time away from their families, to provide our guests with a world-class birding experience. Cape Town Pelagics donates all its profits to seabirds, and so all the participants who join the trip make a contribution towards bird research and conservation - a big thank you from all of us.